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1. THE VENEZUELAN MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS BY RESOLUTION DATED JULY 3, 1975, BASED ON A PRESIDENTIAL DECREE OF MARCH 1968, ESTABLISHES USER CHARGES FOR NAVIGATIONAL AIDS AND FLIGHT PROTECTION SERVICES WITHIN THE MAIQUETIA FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR MAIQUETIA) WHICH ENTAILS THE VENEZUELAN TERRITORY AND PARTS OF THE CARIBBEAN. THE CHARGES ARE CALCULATED ON AIRCRAFT WEIGHT AND DISTANCE FLOWN.

2. PRIVATE AIRCRAFT REGISTERED IN VENEZUELA ARE CHARGED 30 PERCENT OF THE RATES AND CROPDUSTERS ARE EXEMPTED.

3. A SECOND RESOLUTION EXEMPTS THE AIRCRAFT OWNED BY THE TWO DOMESTIC AIRLINES LAV AND AVENSA AND THOSE OWNED BY VENEZUELA'S INTERNATIONAL CARRIER VIASA FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. THIS OF COURSE CONSTITUTES A SUBSIDY TO THE AIRLINES AND IS DISCRIMINATORY TO THE FOREIGN CARRIERS FLYING INTO
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OR OVER VENEZUELA.

4. AIRCRAFT OWNED BY THE STATE, AIRCRAFT TRANSPORTING VISITING CHIEFS OF STATES, SEARCH AND RESCUE AIRCRAFT, AIRCRAFT RETURNING INTO VENEZUELAN TERRITORY BECAUSE OF AN IN-FLIGHT EMERGENCY AND AIRCRAFT BEING TESTED FOR MAINTENANCE REASONS ARE ALSO EXEMPTED FROM PAYING THE TAX.

5. ANOTHER RESOLUTION ON THE SAME SUBJECT TRANSFERS TO THE MAIQUETIA AIRPORT AUTHORITY THE AIRWAYS CONTAINED IN FIR MAIQUETIA AND CHARGES THE AUTHORITY WITH COLLECTING THE TAX. THE FUNDS MAY BE UTILIZED ONLY IN THE IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF NAVIGATIONAL AID FACILITIES AND FOR THE TRAINING OF PERSONNEL.
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